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18 THROUGH 21 OCTOBER HE HAD FOLLOWING CONTACTS WITH STATION	
PERSONNEL.	
2. COS ATTENDED DINNER AT AMBASSADOR BUNKER'S	
RESIDENCE DURING WHICH QUESTION OF STATION'S REPORTING CAME UP.	1
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3. ON 20 OCTOBER IN MEETING WITH COS ALONE, KISSINGER	•
ASKED SERIES OF QUESTIONS ON ANTICIPATED IMPACT ON SOUTH VIETNAM	
OF CEASE-FIRE ''IN PLACE''. HE WAS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN	•
SECURITY AND CONTROL POSTURE OF GVN. COS REPLIES WERE	•
AND DRAFT SUBMISSIONS BASICALLY ALONG LINES OF RECENT	• .
TO AMBASSADOR, SENT TO HEADQUARTERS FOR INFO ONLY IN	•
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4. ON 21 OCTOBER KISSINGER ATTENDED REGULAR MORNING	
MILITARY BRIEFING PRESENTED TO AMBASSADOR BY MEMBER OF	
INDICATIONS AND ANALYSIS STAFF. BRIEFER THIS MORNING WAS	

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AND AMBASSADOR WHITEHOUSE TOUCHED ON VARIETY OF POLITICAL
AND MILITARY DEVELOPMENTS. OVERALL CONCLUSION PRESENTED
SEPARATELY BY KISSINGER AND BY SULLIVAN WAS THAT THEY WILL BE
LEAVING SAIGON WITH VERY DIFFERENT IMPRESSION FROM WHAT THEY HAD
UPON ARRIVAL. IN NUTSHELL, LOCAL ESTIMATES REFLECT FAR MORE
OPTIMISTIC VIEW OF SITUATION THAN WHAT THEY HAD GATHERED IN
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^{*} Dr. Kissinger's views on Agency's reporting of South Vietnam situation.

** Re drafts prepared by station for Ambassador Bunker's report to President.